

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

STOUT, Robert L.

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METHODS OF DETERMINING CHRONIC  
HEPATITIS C INFECTION

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Customer No.: 23589

Group Art Unit No. 1648

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Examiner: Brown, Timothy M

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated 12/30/05 amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.